

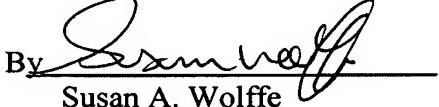
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this amendment, the claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Claims 1-24 are pending. Examination on the merits of the instant application is respectfully requested.

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